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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: Zilla et. al****Serial No.: 10/627,114****Group Art Unit: 3738****Filed: 07/25/2003****Examiner: D. Willse****For: Transmural Concentric Multilayer
Ingrowth Matrix Within Well-
Defined Porosity****Confirmation: 3869**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 18, 2007, together with a request for continued examination and a request for a three month extension bringing the response due date to November 18, 2007. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are requested as set forth below in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims". Remarks relating to such amendments and responsive to the aforementioned Office Action follow thereafter in the section entitled "Remarks".